



Invitation

The (Luxembourg) Rail Protocol to the Cape Town Convention an opportunity for the French rail sector?

21st June 2024, 10.00 – 17.30

**Seminar jointly organised by Université Clermont Auvergne & Université Jean Moulin Lyon III
and hosted by Université Jean Moulin Lyon III
15 Quai Claude Bernard, 69007 Lyon**

Speakers will include

Prof. Ignacio Tirado Secretary-General, UNIDROIT, Prof. Anna Veneziano, Dep. Secretary-General, UNIDROIT, Prof. Jean-François Riffard Université Clermont Auvergne, Prof. Teresa De la Heras Ballell University Carlos III Madrid, Prof. Nicolas Borga, Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Prof. Sarah Laval, Université du Littoral-Côte d'Opal, Prof Eric Carpano, Président Université Jean Moulin Lyon III, Prof. Dr. Benjamin Von Bodungen, Bird & Bird, Oliviers Desfontaines, Crédit Agricole CIB, François Collet Airbus Industries, Howard Rosen, Chairman, Rail Working Group

The Luxembourg Rail Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on international interest on mobile equipment entered into force in contracting states on 8th March 2024. Gabon, Luxembourg, Spain, and Sweden have already adopted the Protocol, and Paraguay and South Africa are about to ratify. France has signed the Protocol but not yet ratified. The Protocol creates new possibilities for operators, financiers, manufacturers and their respective advisers in the rail and the rail finance sectors, making it easier and cheaper for the private sector to finance new and existing fleets of rolling stock. This is a major strategic challenge for the French rail sector today.

On 21st June 2024, the University of Lyon III will host a special seminar on the Luxembourg Protocol. It will give a general overview of the Cape Town Convention and the aircraft and rail protocols, examine the French legal issues, look at the example of Spain where the Protocol is already in force and review cross-border issues and the position of the European Union.

The Seminar will be in French and English and participation may be in person or on-line (but without interpretation). It will be followed by an apéro for those attending in person. Many thanks to the Universities of Clermont Auvergne and Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Crédit Agricole CIB and Watson Farley Williams for their support

➤ If you would like to attend in person or on-line please register at info@railworkinggroup.org.

➤ See the latest developments on the Luxembourg Rail Protocol via the RWG [LinkedIn group page](#) www.railworkinggroup.org